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# OTTAWA MAY GO BONE DRY WHEN THE LEGISLATURE MEETS

## BUSINESS GROWTH MATTER OF DOLLARS, NOT PRODUCTION

U. S. Federal Reserve Board Indicates That Reduction of Prices is Due.

### ADJUSTMENT IMMINENT

Washington, Dec. 31.—General anxiety prevails throughout American business circles concerning the continued advance in prices and their adjustment appears imminent, the federal reserve board reported tonight in its review of December business conditions. Thru the board's statement the inference was strongly given that a reduction in prices is due because of a recognized curtailment of buying power coupled with a lack of unanimity of opinion as to what the future holds.

While retail trade shows general activity and wholesalers and manufacturers were represented as being unable to supply the demand, the great growth in business was shown to have been in terms of dollars and not in units of production. High wages for labor further complicated the situation, according to the board's view. Practically every federal reserve district reported that "skilled labor was working only sufficient days to keep going," resulting in a consequent falling off in production.

In face of heavy demands, cautious manufacturers were described as disinclined to commit themselves far in advance. Credits have been shortened, and uncertainty as to changes which may come within the next three months is forestalling the expansion in trade naturally to be expected as the nation gets back normally to its pre-war activity. The high cost of living was referred to as an "unquestionable menace."

Grain shipments were usually low during the year because of the shortage of warehouse accommodation. "From many sections," the board asserted, "it is reported that the chief difficulty does not lie in systematic strikes, but in the disposition of workers to increase production and keep steadily at work. The reduced output, the suspension of work a few hours or days a week, has proved a national problem. The disposition of labor to purchase such a policy is ascribed by many to high wages and the desire to employ the increased purchasing powers thus obtained in the purchase of leisure rather than goods."

### TORE OFF HER RINGS

Masked Men Rob Woman on Dundas Street at Point of Gun, Taking Jewelry.

Mrs. Harper, 280 Bathurst street, complained to the police of Clarendon police station at 10.30 last night that she had been attacked by two men on Dundas street near Markham, and dragged into a lane and robbed. She had no money, but the robbers tore a wedding and engagement ring from her fingers, then threw her on the ground. She described her assailants as being a tall and short man. They were both wearing great coats and brown boots and wore masks. She further stated that they threatened to shoot her if she called for help. Detectives Strohm and Bain were still investigating the robbery at an early hour this morning.

## SIR ADAM BECK BETTER; PNEUMONIA CRISIS OVER

### Hydro Chief, Taken Seriously Ill With Pneumonia, Complicated by Heart Trouble, Following Rough Voyage to England.

The following cable was received from Lady Beck at the office of the Hydro-Electric Power Commission in Toronto last night:

"Doctor thinks crisis over. Sir Adam Beck's pulse better. He must remain in hospital some weeks. The first intimation that Sir Adam Beck was ill came in a cable to F. A. Gaby, chief engineer of the Hydro, on Christmas Day, which read: "Arrived safe, threatened with pneumonia." The following further cable from Lady Beck on Tuesday intensified the alarm among the Hydro employees over their chief: "Pneumonia, complicated by grave heart trouble." An Associated Press dispatch from London, dated yesterday, said: "Sir Adam Beck is seriously ill at a nursing home here. He became ill during the voyage, pneumonia followed and he is now approaching the crisis. Lady Beck is with her husband."

The cable received last night will be welcome news to Sir Adam Beck's wide circle of friends both in public and private life, and all will join in wishing for him a speedy recovery. Not in Good Health.

Sir Adam Beck was not in good health when he left Toronto on his way to New York, where he sailed for Dec. 13, on the steamer Lapland on severe cold, and had been overtaxing his energies in order to leave his work in good shape. A voyage across the Atlantic at such a season of the year was much more than Sir Adam determined at all risks to spend Christmas with Lady Beck and his daughter in England.

## HOPES TO RAISE BIGGEST LOAN IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Sir George Paish in U. S. to Secure Money to Avert Catastrophe in Europe.

### FEARS A PLAGUE

New York, Dec. 31.—Sir George Paish, editor of The London Statist, one of the world's great authorities on finance, arrived here today on the steamship Nieuw Amsterdam.

Sir George's visit here is to solicit an international loan, the amount of which he asserts, will stagger the world. What the amount is he is not ready to specify.

"England and Europe will be right if sufficient money is forthcoming," he said, "but unless Europe gets the money she needs for reconstruction and sanitation a scourge and bankruptcy threaten."

"An unsanitary condition exists in the Balkan states," he declared, "which threatens the lives of the people of all countries in Europe. Because of this condition a plague threatens which, if it once got started, would sweep over Europe like an all-consuming fire and might be expected to cause an appalling death rate. Such a plague might be impossible to check." Sir George believes a long time loan of an amount greater, probably, than any previous national loan ever negotiated, is needed to accomplish the purposes he has outlined and to stabilize the rates of exchange.

The World wishes a happy new year to Gordon Waldron, K.C., who is today appointed crown prosecutor for the Toronto district at the approaching winter criminal assizes. Mr. Waldron's name was prominently mentioned in general before the appointment of Hon. W. E. Raney as a member of the Drury government.

The position of crown prosecutor is the most prominent legal appointment that the attorney-general of the province may make, and in legal circles it is considered appropriate that Mr. Waldron should be named for it by Attorney-General Raney.

Mr. Waldron has practiced law in Toronto for a generation. He has been on the staff of the University of Toronto and has figured in several investigations and actions of general interest. He has been legal adviser to the U.F.O. from the time of its organization. He is looked upon both at the bar and by the public as a man of outstanding energy and exceptionally sound as a lawyer.

### Canadian Trade Commission To Be Continued for While

Ottawa, Dec. 31.—(Special)—The Canadian trade commission will be continued pending the reorganization of the department of trade and commerce. This commission was organized under the war measures act and another order-in-council will continue its activities. Mr. Noxon, of the European trade commission, will return to Canada next week to discuss with the Canadian trade commission the future of that commercial agency.

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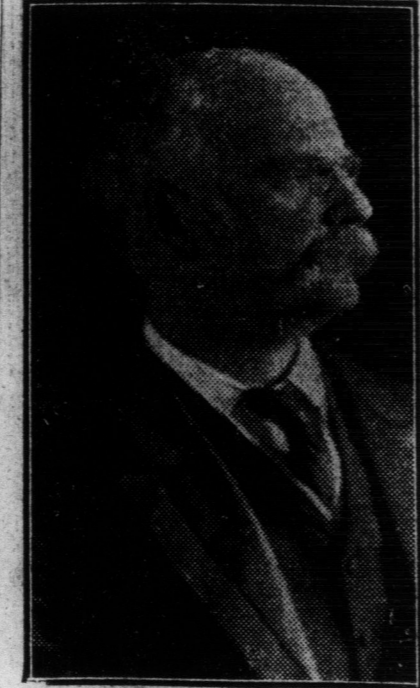
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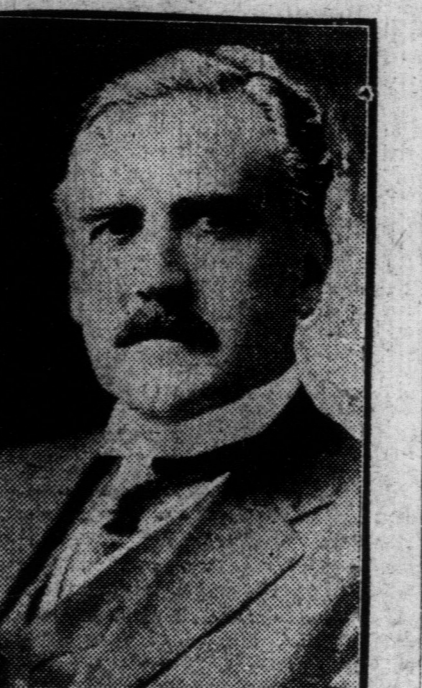
### FEDERAL MINISTERS ARE CREATED PRIVY COUNCILLORS



Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice.



Hon. A. L. Sifton, Minister of Public Works.



Sir Thomas White, ex-Minister of Finance.

## CANADIANS ARE INCLUDED IN THE KING'S HONOR LIST

### Hon. C. J. Doherty, Hon. A. L. Sifton, Envoy to Peace Conference, and Sir Thomas White Are Created Privy Councillors—Other Honors Conferred.

London, Dec. 31.—The New Year's Day honor list, made public tonight, contains many awards by the king, for war services.

Earldom is conferred on Viscount Maitland, former secretary of state for India, known for his stand against peace with Germany until the Germans had made reparations for "murder" in France.

Sir George Riddell, who had charge of the British press interests at the peace conference; Sir Bernard Dawson, physician extraordinary to King George, and Sir Albert Stanley are made barons.

Hon. Charles J. Doherty, Canadian minister of justice; Hon. Arthur B. Sifton, Canadian minister of public works; Canadian representatives at the peace conference; Sir Thomas White, former Canadian minister of finance, and Frederick Guest, treasurer of the king's household, are made privy councillors.

Among those created barons are Hon. Clifford Owen, vice-chairman of the British-American Tobacco Company; Trevor Dawson of the Vickers armament firm; Frederick Orr Lewis, of Montreal, secretary and Sir Edward Mackay, who is a native of Montreal, and has been identified with the capitalization of Canadian enterprises.

### NEW PRIVY COUNCILLORS

Were knighted still in flower it would be Sir Arthur Sifton and Sir Charles Doherty. As it is, the two Canadian ministers, who, together with Sir Robert Borden and Sir George Foster, represented his majesty in behalf of Canada at the making of the peace treaty, become members of the imperial privy council "with the prefix of 'right honorable' to their names."

Right Hon. A. L. Sifton is minister of public works and Right Hon. C. J. Doherty is minister of justice in the Union government. They were, by the way, the only Canadians who actually signed the peace treaty at Versailles, as the prime minister and Sir George Foster had returned to Canada before the final draft of the treaty was concluded.

Mr. Sifton resigned the premiership of Alberta to enter the Union government in 1917. Mr. Doherty has been minister of justice since 1911. Both gentlemen rendered conspicuous service at the peace conference. Mr. Sifton, who was then minister of customs, prepared the agreement under which the privilege of shipping goods in bond through a country in transit to the country of their destination is permitted. Before that time the "bonding privilege," as we have it in Canada and the United States, was not established in continental Europe.

## ACTION CATTLE MAN ROBBED OF \$1400

### Footpads Rob Dick Patternick Leaving Union Stock Yards.

Dick Patternick, a cattle dealer of Acton, Ont., was assaulted by three men, the other evening, and robbed of about \$1,400 in money. Patternick had attended the sales at the Union Stock Yards, West Toronto, during the afternoon and had the money in his pocket when he left the stock yards until about 8 o'clock in the evening and before he had gone a block three men attacked him and beat him over the head. Patternick was rendered in a dazed condition and a wallet containing the money stolen from his pocket, after being slashed the cattle dealer was left lying on the roadside. He was able to report the robbery to the police of Kee's street station, and detectives searched around the yards and as yet no trace of the thugs has been found by the police.

Detectives and the police of No. 9 station refused to discuss the robbery, when spoken to by The World. It was learned that Patternick, after being attended, was able to leave the city for his home. It is believed that the hold-up was the work of three crooks who had knowledge that Patternick was carrying such a large amount of cash.

Patternick did not see any motor car and did not think the three men who assaulted him wore masks, although they all were armed with revolvers.

## DISTILLERS WILL NOT OPEN TODAY

### Any Orders Received From Montreal Must Wait Until Friday.

Agents of the Ontario distilleries told The World yesterday that there would be no deliveries of liquor today to fill orders already placed thru Montreal dealers. "Nothing doing until Friday," was the reply the reporter got to enquiries.

It is understood that heavy shipments of less than case lots are leaving Montreal this morning and that by Saturday night dealers will again be gurgling in this neighborhood.

Right up to four o'clock yesterday afternoon the government shops on Front street was doing its best to save life. Both men and women who had seen the doctor stormed the place in droves all day and the stream kept up until the door was locked. In view of the big trade in prospect for Montreal, the overworked government staff here will probably have plenty of time now to rest up.

## BATHING SUIT STYLE IN WOMEN'S CLOTHES

New York, Dec. 31.—The cost of women's clothes may be reduced considerably, because there will be considerably less of them if the predictions of a fashionable Fifth Avenue male milliner and dressmaker who arrived from Paris today are correct.

The latest modes France is sending to the United States, he said, are: No stockings, extremely short skirts, no sleeves and sandals.

## PRINCE ACCEPTS MEMBERSHIP.

New York, Dec. 31.—The Aero Club of America received a letter today from the Prince of Wales accepting his election as an honorary member of the club.

## LLOYD GEORGE SENDS MESSAGE OF HOPE TO BRITISH NATION

### Says Time Has Been Reached When Concentrated Effort is Necessary to Rebuilding of the World.

London, Dec. 31.—Premier Lloyd George in his New Year's message to the nation says:

"We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnessed the signing of peace, that is like a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the New Year shall be rich with promise or laden with despair depends upon ourselves. We have reached the time when a concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world."

"If we quarrel amongst ourselves we impair our strength and retard our progress. But by united action, based on common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general goodwill, the nation will add to the glory achieved by her sons in battle in the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and well-being of our people."

## ALL PROVINCES HAVE POWER BY LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT CITIZENS FROM BUYING LIQUOR

### ESTABLISH LIQUOR DEPOTS IN MANITOBA

Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—Establishment of liquor depots in Manitoba, either by the government or under government supervision, was forecast today by Hon. R. S. Thornton after a consultation by the provincial government with members of the Manitoba social service council.

"It is not only possible but probable that this idea shall finally be adopted," the minister of education declared.

## WOMAN AS MOVING PICTURE CENSOR

### Government Implements Its Promise Made to National Council of Women.

Hon. Peter Smith, provincial treasurer, announced yesterday that Miss Caroline Casse, Toronto, had been appointed as fourth member of the Ontario board of moving picture censors. She has been employed by the department for some time in the capacity of visiting moving picture theatres with a view to seeing that the additional tax was collected. Her salary will be \$1300 per annum and she commences her duties today.

It is noted now to divide much of the work of censorship, two censors each taking part of the duties. They will also confer with each other in case of any doubtful pictures. The picture people themselves will still have the board of appeal, the person of which remains unchanged.

The work of censoring the lobby pictures will, the provincial treasurer said, be thoroughly taken up next week. He added that the branch had been the cause of numerous complaints, far more in fact than all the moving pictures combined.

Deputations of the National Council of Women interviewed Premier Drury, Hon. Peter Smith and other members of the cabinet last week, and among other requests made one was for the appointment of a woman to the moving picture censorship board. Mr. Smith, as head of the latter department, promised the deputations to comply with the demand, and he has thus kept faith.

## NO WATER IN MONTREAL THRU AQUEDUCT STRIKE

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Punctually at midnight tonight the stationary firemen and the aqueduct workers of the city went on strike. The former include engineers, firemen, oil men and coal passers, while the latter takes in all outside workers of the waterworks department. In all about 900 men of the first group and 150 of the second are affected.

The city will be without water tomorrow morning either for drinking or other purposes as an effect of the strike.

## DRURY MEETS TROUBLE IN NEGOTIATING SEATS FOR HOMELESS MINISTERS

"Some adjustments have yet to be made and there will be no announcement this week," Premier Drury replied yesterday when asked what progress was being made with the arrangements for finding seats for himself, Hon. Manning Doherty and Hon. W. E. Raney. He was sufficiently optimistic, however, not to anticipate any great obstacles.

The premier was engaged in a long conference yesterday with J. J. Morrison, secretary of the U.F.O., and by the afternoon the question of providing seats, and also no official statement was given out, it is obvious from Mr. Drury's answer quoted above that nothing tangible has resulted.

Morrison goes to Winnipeg.

Mr. Morrison leaves for Winnipeg tomorrow night to attend the Canadian Council of Agriculture at which important matters are to come up for consideration, and he expects to be back in Toronto on Thursday next, the 4th. It is understood that considerable pressure was brought to bear upon him to remain in the city in view of the serious situation created by the problem of finding seats for the politically homeless trio. He, however, regards it as his imperative duty to proceed to Winnipeg, and it is not considered likely that any definite steps in the direction of fixing up seats will be taken until he returns.

Assuming that Mr. Morrison is back on January 5 it will necessarily take some days before the by-election machinery can be put into operation. Then the members who sacrifice themselves have to resign and three weeks must elapse before the writs are issued. There is another week between nomination and polling days, so that it will be well into February before the premier and his two colleagues will be qualified to sit in the legislature, always providing that something does not happen to any of them at the hands of the electors.

An Awkward Situation.

The meeting of the legislature would be that time be about due, and if, for example, the government should be a minority, an extremely awkward situation would be presented. As previously pointed out in The World, both Messrs. Doherty and Raney are almost certain to meet opposition wherever they run—and by-elections are no different to any other in the matter of surprises. While it may seem to be a case of being wise after the event, it is generally conceded that there has been too much delay in the matter of seeking to find seats. Mr. Raney has seen fit to meet not a few challenges in the meantime, and opposition has had a favorable time to grow. He may, of course, opt out of the legislature, in which he would be acceptable.

New Year Resolutions.

With the advent of the new year the Ontario cabinet ministers are hoping to settle down to real business and confidence upon getting their legislative program in something like shape. They have had a rather hard road to go since assuming office, so much of their time having been occupied with

### May Also Prevent People Having Liquor on Their Premises—Can Thus Overcome Interregnum Due to Rescinding Order-in-Council Forbidding Importation—Official Federal Statement.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 31.—Any province may, if it wishes, enact legislation prohibiting its own citizens from purchasing liquor for personal consumption, or from having liquor on their premises, and thus overcome or shorten the interregnum resulting from the rescinding of the order-in-council forbidding the importation of liquor, according to an official government statement given to the Canadian Press this evening. The statement is in explanation of the rescinding of the prohibition order-in-council and it sets forth the difficulties of the government in regard to temperance legislation.

It is anticipated that peace will be proclaimed at an early date, and there has been a generally expressed desire to get Canada's liquor conditions as soon as possible. Orders-in-council which depended upon the war measures act for their validity were, with few exceptions, repealed as of Dec. 31, 1919, in response to this general demand.

Put Blame on Senate.

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The orders-in-council passed some two years ago prohibiting the importation of and interprovincial sale of liquor, provided that the orders should remain in force during the war and for one year thereafter. Some time after the armistice was signed the department of justice, following the opinion of the legal committee of the Great Britain on a similar statute, passed under the war measures act, an order to be effective when the war came to an end.

Efforts at Spring Session.

To meet this situation, and to carry out the policy of the government as announced in the order-in-council, the government at the spring session introduced legislation to validate these orders-in-council, and thereby secure their force for one year after the war. This legislation failed to pass. Some time ago the order-in-council was amended to be effective when the war came to an end.

Considered New Legislation.

The government thereupon was forced to consider legislation which might reasonably be expected to be passed both houses, and it, therefore, introduced a bill providing that the importation of liquor into a province for beverage purposes should be absolutely prohibited unless the legislature of such province asks that a vote should be taken on the matter and the majority of the electors favor the prohibition of such importation. This bill, also introduced, is another bill to improve the provisions for the enforcement of the act known as the Doherty Act, which requires the enforcement of the government to secure the prohibition of liquor, and the enforcement of the act known as the Doherty Act, which requires the enforcement of the government to secure the prohibition of liquor.

Give Provinces Power.

Under the legislation passed at the last session of parliament, no province can absolutely prevent the importation of liquor into a province for beverage purposes by either one of two methods: 1. By the provincial legislature requesting a vote on the question and by the majority of the electors in the province voting in favor of prohibiting the importation of such liquor. 2. By the province enacting legislation prohibiting its own citizens from either purchasing liquor for personal consumption or from having liquor on their premises, if such a law were passed the Doherty Act would automatically apply, or if any province desires to prevent the importation, pending a vote by their citizens from purchasing for beverage purposes or from having liquor on their premises for domestic use.

Expected Interregnum.

When these bills were passed last session it was well known, and it was stated in the press, which is now criticized, that the action of the government, should be necessary an interregnum between the date of parliament and the date when the orders-in-council would expire and the prohibition of importation would go into force in case the province desired to take a vote on the question. But that there would be such an interregnum was not the fault of the government; it became inevitable owing to the action of the senate in rejecting the government bill validating the orders-in-council.

The government anticipated that peace would be proclaimed some months ago and that the orders-in-council would expire. It is due to conditions wholly extraneous to Canada, and in no way governed by orders-in-council, that a gap peace has not been officially proclaimed. Also the government anticipates that it will be proclaimed at an early date. Operation of peace there has been a general and increasing demand for the repeal of such orders-in-council.

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